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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MINISTER OF JUSTICE FALCAO

REF: STATE 220348

1. VISIT OF FALCAO, KEY FIGURE IN GEISEL CABINET, PRESENTS
TIMELY OPPORTUNITY TO BRING U.S. EXPERIENCES AND IDEAS TO BEAR
IN BRAZILIA'S CURRENT CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBLE REFORMS IN
JUDICIAL AND PENAL SYSTEMS AND IN CURRENT BRAZILIAN EFFORTS TO
REVISE NARCOTICS LEGISLATION (BRASILIA 7890).

2. HIEL FALCAO HAS NOT BEEN DIRECTLY AND PERSONALLY INVOLVED
IN DAY TO DAY CONDUCT OF U.S.-BRAZILIAN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT
COOPERATIONS, HE STAYS FULLY INFORMED AND IS SYMPATHETIC.
(WORKING GROUP ON NEW NARCOTICS LEGISLATION, WHICH OPERATES
UNDER MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, WAS FORMALLY INAUGURATED BY FALCAO.)
INTEREST HE HAS DISPLAYED SO FAR COULD PROFITABLY BE BUILT ON
AND EXPANDED BY INCLUDING IN HIS PROGRAM EXPOSURE TO NARCOTICS
ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS AND PROBLEMS AND MEETINGS WITH HIGH-LEVEL
OFFICIALS OF DEA AND RELATED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.

3. FINALLY, WORTH REMEMBERING THAT FALCAO IS CABINET OFFICER WITH
ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CIVILIAN SECURITY
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ORGANS AS WELL AS JUDICIAL SYSTEM. AS SUCH, HE IS KEY FIGURE

IN CURRENT HUMAN RIGHTS PICTURE AND IMPORTANT ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT
GEISEL ON HUMAN RIGHTS RELATED ISSUES. DEPARTMENT MIGHT WANT TO
CONSIDER USING OCCASION OF CALL BY FALCAO ON APPROPRIATE HIGH-LEVEL
OFFICIAL TO BRING TO HIS ATTENTION POTENTIAL PROBLEM IN OUR
BILATERAL RELATIONS STEMMING FROM CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC CONCERN
OVER NEGLECT OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN BRAZIL.

4. IF DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION, CHARGE PLANS TO CALL ON
FALCAO TO OFFER EMBASSY'S ASSISTANCE. PLEASE ADVISE.
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